

RESOLUTION NO. RS2018-1358

A resolution recognizing William "Bill" Garrett, Jr. for his 20 years of outstanding service to the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County.

WHEREAS, William "Bill" Garrett, Jr. began his career as Davidson County Register of Deeds in September of 1998; and

WHEREAS, during his career as Register of Deeds, Bill Garrett significantly helped revolutionize the records system; and

WHEREAS, the recording process and title researching was an entirely manual procedure, which required every document to be copied and handed out until the recording process was complete; and

WHEREAS, researchers in the Register of Deeds office spent a significant amount of time pouring through multiple indexing books in order to process a title search; and

WHEREAS, under Bill Garrett's dedicated leadership, the Register of Deeds office has modernized and is now completely automated; and

WHEREAS, over 100 title companies now record their documents electronically, and approximately 35% of documents are recorded electronically; and

WHEREAS, over 1,000 title searchers can now research over the internet in a fraction of the time it took prior to 1998; and

WHEREAS, additionally, over 200 federal, state, and Metro agencies are now able to access Register of Deeds records using the internet; and

WHEREAS, while Bill Garrett was in office, the Register of Deeds office recorded over 2.7 million documents; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Metropolitan Council recognizes William "Bill" Garrett, Jr. for his twenty years of faithful service to the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as recognizing William B. Garrett, Jr. for his many years of dedicated service to the Metropolitan Government.

Section 2. The Metropolitan Council Office is directed to prepare a copy of this Resolution to be presented to William "Bill" Garrett, Jr.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

INTRODUCED BY:

Jim Shulman
Member of Council